(b) whether Government are aware that the said bridge has not yet been reconstructed and as a result the traffic has been completely disrupted causing untold difficulties to the public;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to restore the said bridge; and

(d) by when the restoration of the bridge would complete ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) One span of Manas bridge on N.H. 31 in Assam was damaged on 12-4-1990.

(b) and (c) A single lane Bailey bridge has been erected over the damaged span and traffic restored from 19-4-1990.

(d) Traffic which now passes over the undamaged spans and over the Bailey bridge would need to be diverted over an alternate temporary bridge. Steps for finalising such arrangements have been initiated. The restoration of the damaged span will be taken up after the traffic is diverted from the existing bridge. A meeting of the Assam Government representatives with the Government of India has been called for 24th May, 1990 to discuss the problems in New Delhi.

Demand for plebiscite in Kashmir

1582. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Indian citizens are raising the demand for holding a plebiscite in Kashmir to determine whether the State should continue to remain a part of the Indian union or secede from it; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to curb the anti-national activities of such citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The consistent stand of the Govt. of India has been that Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of India. Government are not aware of any demand for holding plebiscite in Kashmir being made outside the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) Government have taken stringent measures to curb secessionist and anti-national activities in Jammu and Kashmir and is keeping a close watch over the situation.

Indian Federation of Small and Medium Newspapers' dismay over import of second hand printing machinery

1583. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Federation of Small and Medium Newspapers have expressed dismay over imports of second hand printing machinery;

(b) if so, what were their precise objections ; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Newsprint quota to M/s Associated Journals Ltd.

1584. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Newsprint quota give to the M/s

Associated Journals Ltd. for exceeds its requirement; and

(b) if so, what is the quantity of quota of Newsprint being given to the Company and the details of of its utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विकास की योजना

1585. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी** : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश में राजमार्गों को चौड़ा करने, उनके अनुरक्षण और विकास से संबंधित कोई योजना तैयार की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) वर्ष 1990-91 के दौरान सम्भावित रूप से किया जाने वाला राजमार्ग-वार अनुमानित व्यय कितना है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री (श्री के. पी. उन्नीकृष्णन) : (क) से (ग) वार्षिक योजना 1990-91 में, स्वीकृति के लिए परियोजित नई स्कीमें संलग्न विवरण सं. I में दी गई हैं। मध्य प्रदेश में, चालू कार्यों समेत, राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के विकास पर खर्च करने के लिये 1990-91 में 21 करोड़ रुपये का आवंटन किया गया है । 1990-91 के दौरान किए जाने वाले खर्च का राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग-वार अनुमान संलग्न विवरण सं. II में दिया गया है । जहां तक अनुरक्षण/मरम्मत का संबंध है, वर्ष 1990-91 के लिये आवधिक नवीनीकरणों हेतु 4.69 करोड़ रु. सहित 9.30 करोड़ रु. की राशि का आवंटन किया गया है ।

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वर्ष 1990-91 के वार्षिक कार्यक्रम में परियोजित योजनाओं का ब्यौरा

क्र. सं.	सड़क कार्य कार्य का नाम	लम्बाई (कि.मी.)	अनुमानित लागत (करोड़ रु.)
1	2	3	4
1.	रा. रा. मार्ग 12, 16 तथा 25 को चौड़ा करके एक लेन से दो लेन का बनाना	150	15.23
2.	रा.रा. मार्ग 3 और रा. रा. 6 को चौड़ा करके चार लेन का बनाना	51	30.00
3.	रा.रा. 6, 7, 12 एवं 43 के दो लेन के कमजोर पैदल पथों को सुदृढ़ बनाना	114	18.43
4.	रा.रा. 3, 6, 7 एवं 12 पर बाई पास का निर्माण तथा जहां आवश्यक हो वहां भू-अधिग्रहण करना .	—	50.00
5.	पुलिया (कल्वर्टस) छोटे पुलों के पहुंचमार्ग तथा विविध मदें	—	11.50
	कुल (सड़क) .	—	125.16